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SUBJECT: WINDSCALE REPROCESSING DEBATE

REF: (A) LONDON 2994; (B) LONDON 1381

1. ACCORDING TO AN AUTHORITATIVE SOURCE IN HMG, THE
PREFERRED OPTION BEING DISCUSSED WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT
FOR HANDLING THE WINDSCALE DECISION IS FOR ENVIRONMENT
SECRETARY SHORE TO REJECT THE PLANNING REPORT SUBMITTED
BY JUSTICE PARKER. THIS WOULD SIDESTEP POSSIBLE PRO-
CEDURAL DIFFICULTIES WHEREBY PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE BEFORE
A DECISION TO PROCEED WITH THE EXPANSION MIGHT HAVE
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INVALIDATED THE DECISION ITSELF (REF B). BY REJECTING
THE REPORT AND THEN LETTING PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE RUN ITS
COURSE (LIKELY TAKING SOME TIME), SHORE COULD THEN
FOLLOW SOME SORT OF PROCEDURE WHICH WOULD AVOID THE
CONTEXT OF A PLANNING INQUIRY, AND THEN TAKE HIS
DECISION. THERE IS A PRESUMPTION THAT THE DECISION
WOULD STILL BE TO APPROVE THE EXPANSION.

2. AN ALTERNATE STRATEGY WHICH HAS BEEN DISCUSSED IS FOR SHORE TO MAKE A FAVORABLE DECISION PRIOR TO PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE. HOWEVER, THE POLITICAL RISKS TO SHORE ARE SEEN AS GREATER FOR THIS ALTERNATIVE.

3. OUR SOURCE SAYS THE PARKER REPORT WILL PROBABLY BE PUBLISHED NEXT WEEK.

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